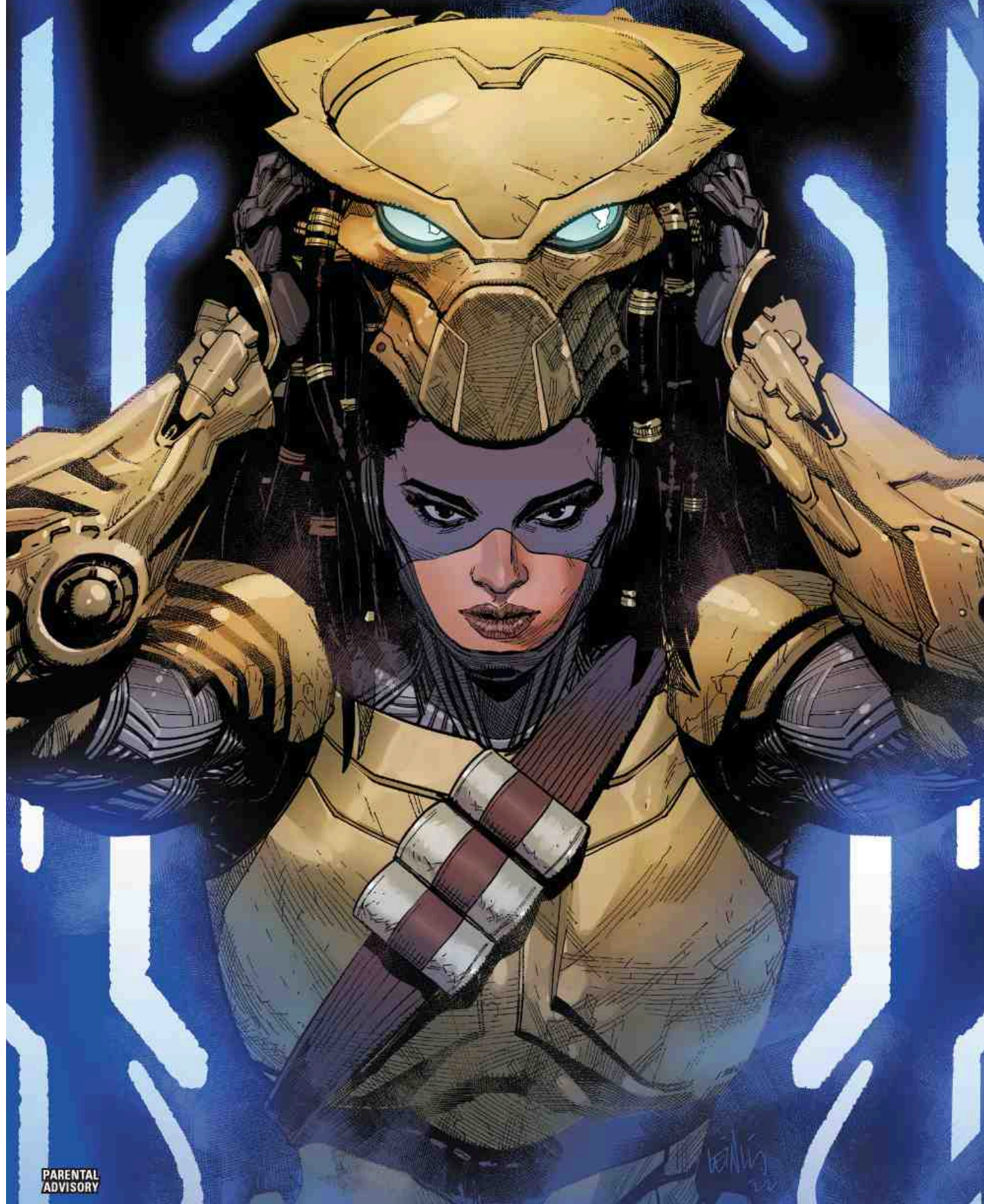


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PREDATOR



PARENTAL
ADVISORY

TUSKET.





THE COPPER
STENCH OF BLOOD
CUTS THROUGH THE
PURIFIED AIR OF
THE OFFICE...



...AND I
KNOW...



...THAT I'VE
JUST WALKED
INTO A TRAP.



THE
BASTARD
HAS MY
AX.



MEANS HE'S BEEN TO
PLANET XI4432-8.
HE'S FOLLOWING ME.



THOSE
TWO
MEN...



THRAKKA THRAKKA THRAKKA



...THE ASTAR
EMPLOYEES,
GUTTED AND HUNG
LIKE MEAT...



...THEY DIED
BECAUSE OF ME.



KLANK



SHUNK



MORE BLOOD
ON MY HANDS.



MORE INNOCENTS
DEAD BECAUSE OF ME.



UNLESS I
START FIGHTING
SMARTER, I'LL
BE STRUNG UP
NEXT TO THEM.



I'M EXPOSED.
VULNERABLE.
NO ARMOR--
NOT READY
FOR THIS
FIGHT.



JUST NEED
A LITTLE
DISTANCE.



A MOMENT TO
RECALIBRATE.





PREDATOR

1987: In Central America, an elite mercenary team is stalked by a Predator, hunting them for sport. Only one member of the team survives and manages to kill the Predator.

1997: A Predator comes to Los Angeles to hunt gang members involved in a drug war with the police. Though many were slaughtered, one policeman was able to kill the Predator.

2010: Eight individuals are abducted from Earth and dropped on an unknown planet where they are hunted by three Predators. They come to learn they are being hunted for sport and that the planet is a game reserve.

2018: A Predator crash-lands in America and is apprehended by Project Stargazer for study. It escapes but is killed by another Predator. A group of military criminals are able to defeat and kill the Predator, but only a small number survive.

The year is now **2056**. Humanity is capable of interstellar travel. A group of Astar Industry scientists researching a remote planet for potential human colonization were killed by a Predator. A young girl named Theta was spared. Now grown up, she hunts the Predators, searching for the one that took her family from her.

Her journey has led her to the frozen planet of Tusket, where she must scavenge for supplies at a local Astar outpost. Little does she realize, a Predator waits in the shadows for her...

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THE LAST TWO
RESIDENTS OF THIS
OUTPOST WERE
MURDERED...

...AND HAVE NO
MORE USE FOR THIS
FOOD THAN THEY
HAVE FOR OXYGEN...

...BUT IT
DOESN'T MAKE
ME FEEL ANY
LESS LIKE A
VULTURE.

PICKING
THEIR BONES.
CAPITALIZING
ON THEIR
MISERY.



BINGO.

HOWEVER,
THESE SUPPLIES
WILL WASTE
AWAY ON THESE
SHELVES.



AND MY
HUNGER
OUTWEIGHS
MY GUILT.

THREE HOURS AND I HAVE
ALL THE PARTS I NEED, PLUS
ENOUGH M.R.E.s, CANNED
GOODS AND BOOZE TO GET
ME THROUGH THE NEXT YEAR.

ANOTHER TWO TO FIND
THE PREDATOR'S SHIP,
RETRIEVE THE BLACK
BOX AND BLOW IT.

TOO LONG.
TOO SLOPPY.

SANDY?

ANY WORD ON
THAT RESPONDING
ASTAR SHIP?

E.T.A. OF
SEVEN
HOURS.

DAMMIT.

SANDY, ONE LAST
THING.

I WOULD
ADVISE
AGAINST IT.
TIME IS NOT
ON YOUR
SIDE.

I CAN'T LEAVE THEM HANGING
LIKE THAT. THEY'RE PEOPLE,
NOT SLABS OF MEAT.

AS SOON
AS I CUT
THEM DOWN, I'LL
HEAD BACK. I
PROMISE.

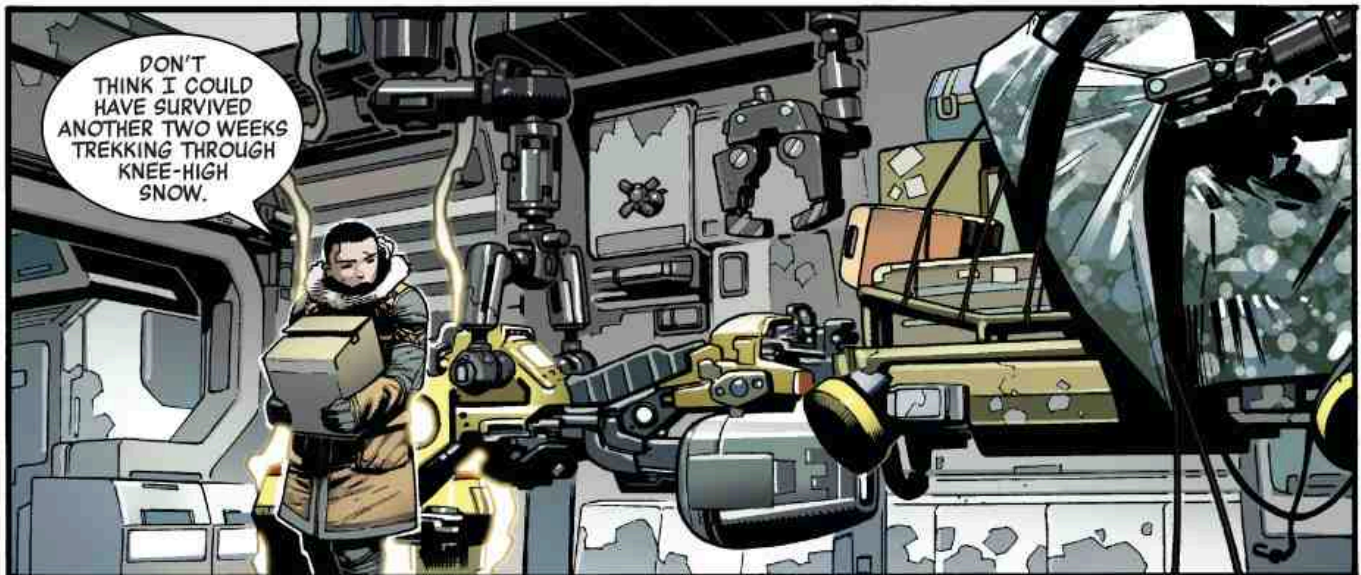
TAKES ANOTHER
HOUR TO CUT
THEM DOWN...

...AND PUT THEM
IN THE FREEZER FOR
THAT INCOMING ASTAR
SHIP TO DEAL WITH.

IT'S *NOT MUCH*, BUT AT LEAST IT AFFORDS THEM A SMALL MEASURE OF DIGNITY IN THEIR DEATH.

IT'S THE VERY
LEAST I CAN
DO FOR THEM...

...CONSIDERING I
BROUGHT HELL TO
THEIR DOORSTEP.







THAT
PREDATOR. IT HAD
MY AX. I DON'T KNOW
HOW, BUT IT KNEW
I'D BE AT PORT
MEDWAY.

YOU'VE BEEN
HUNTING
THEM FOR
FIFTEEN
YEARS, THETA.
YOU HAVE
KILLED 23 OF
THEM.

YOU KNEW THAT
THIS WAS A
POSSIBILITY.

I THOUGHT THEY'D
COME FOR ME.

I MEAN,
HOW DID IT
EVEN KNOW
I'D BE
THERE?

THOSE
MEN BACK
THERE... THEY
DIDN'T HAVE
ANYTHING TO DO
WITH THIS. THEY
SHOULDN'T HAVE...

THOSE--
HIC--POOR
MEN.



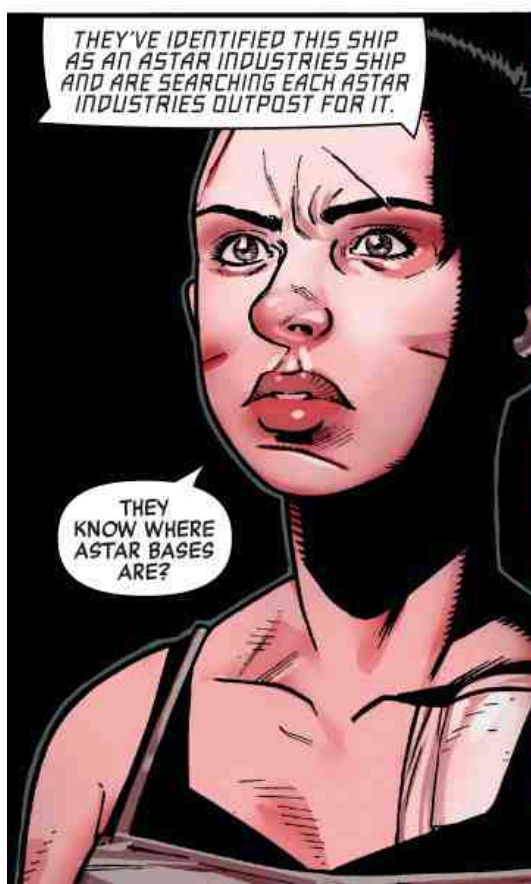
I MAY HAVE THE ANSWER TO HOW THE PREDATOR KNEW WHERE YOU'D BE.

WELL, DON'T KEEP ME IN SUSPENSE.



THIS IMAGE WAS PULLED FROM THE BLACK BOX.

AS WELL AS THE LOCATIONS OF PORT MEDWAY, PORT PARRSBORO, PORT BADDECK AND A FOURTH THAT IS NOT IN MY DATABASE, BUT WHICH I CAN ONLY ASSUME IS ALSO AN ASTAR OUTPOST.



THEY'VE IDENTIFIED THIS SHIP AS AN ASTAR INDUSTRIES SHIP AND ARE SEARCHING EACH ASTAR INDUSTRIES OUTPOST FOR IT.

THEY KNOW WHERE ASTAR BASES ARE?



HOW...?

THEY'RE RESOURCEFUL. BASED ON THE INFORMATION WE ALREADY HAVE ON FILE, WE KNOW THAT THEY TAKE THE TIME TO STUDY THEIR TARGETS.



IT STANDS TO REASON THAT THEY WOULD BE AWARE OF OTHER LIFE-FORMS IN THE GALAXY.

STUDYING THEM. ASSESSING WHO IS A RISK AND WHO IS NOT AND DECIDING WHO IS WORTHY OF THEIR ATTENTION.

"KNOWING THAT THIS SHIP
BELONGS TO ASTAR INDUSTRIES,
THE LOGICAL PLACE TO SEARCH
WOULD BE AT EACH OUTPOST."

FZZZZZ

OH
GOD.

"HOW MANY
PEOPLE ARE
AT EACH
OUTPOST?"

HOW MANY
OTHERS HAVE
DIED?

THETA...

WE NEED TO **WARN**
ASTAR...WARN THEM
WITHOUT GIVING
OURSELVES
AWAY.

SO NO ONE
ELSE DIES. NO
ONE ELSE CAN
DIE BECAUSE
OF ME.

...THETA.
STOP.

WE NEED
TO--

THETA.

THE OTHER
ASTAR
OUTPOSTS
WILL HAVE
TO WAIT.

"THE PREDATORS
HAVE FOUND US."

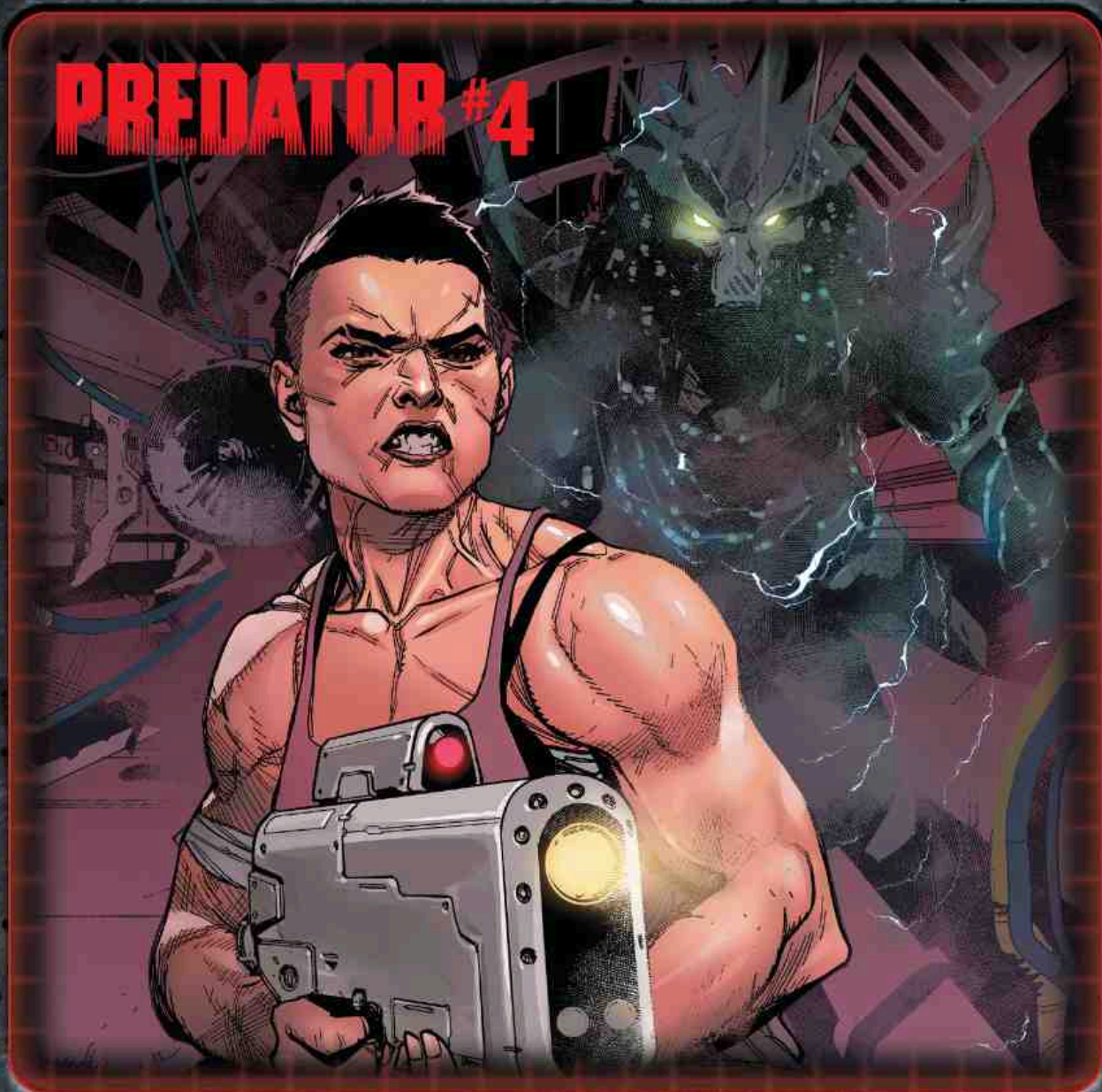


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NEXT

Theta's in danger as two Predators have her cornered! It's life or death as Theta goes head-to-head in an all-out dogfight!

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